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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY PRESIDENT MACHEL AND OTHER MOZAMBIQUE OFFICIALS
TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MOZAMBIQUE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT MOZAM-
BIQUE'S MINISTER FOR PLANNING, MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, DEPARTED
MAPUTO MAY 8 FOR SOFIA, BULGARIA. HE WILL HEAD A DELEGATION
WHICH INCLUDES JANET MONDLANE, NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATION-
AL COOPERATION, AND RUI GONZALEZ, NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR WATER.
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THE DELEGATION WILL TAKE PART IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BUL-
GARIA-MOZAMBIQUE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION. A WIDE RANGE OF
TOPICS IS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDING COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF
AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, ENERGY, MINES, FISHING, HYDROELECTRIC POWER,
ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORT, COMMERCE, HEALTH, EDUCATION,
BANKING AND FINANCE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO SOFIA COULD BE IN PREPARATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT LATER THIS MONTH BY MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT MACHEL. HOWEVER, IN MAY 9 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR VIDENOV CONFIRMED THAT MACHEL WOULD BE VISITING NORTH KOREA AND THE PRC BUT DENIED THAT A VISIT TO SOFIA WAS ARRANGED. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT MACHEL AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO WILL DEPART MAPUTO ON MAY 12 OR 13 FOR OFFICIAL VISITS TO NORTH KOREA, MONGOLIA, THE PRC AND BULGARIA. AN ITALIAN-REGISTERED 707 HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN CHARTERED FOR THE TRIP, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DELEGATION MAY ALSO VISIT ITALY. THE TRIP SHOULD TAKE ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

3. COMMENT: MACHEL'S TRIP WILL BE HIS FIRST OUTSIDE AFRICA SINCE HIS OCTOBER 1977 VISITS TO THE US, CUBA, GUYANA, AND JAMAICA. MARCELINO DOS SANTOS VISITED CHINA IN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND CONCLUDED AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT FOR A CHINESE TEXTILE MILL IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE. A MACHEL VISIT TO THE PRC WOULD BE A SIGN OF IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN OVERSHADOWED SINCE INDEPENDENCE BY MOZAMBIQUE'S WARM RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. THE PRC WAS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND THEY MAINTAIN A SMALL NUMBER OF MILITARY ADVISORS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING MEDICAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE. DOS SANTOS ALSO VISITED NORTH KOREA IN 1977 AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED MEDICAL AND AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS, AS WELL AS SOME SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN THE DPRK. THEIR VICE PRESIDENT, PAK SONG CHOL, VISITED MOZAMBIQUE IN FEBRUARY. WE ARE AT A LOSS
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FOR A REASON FOR A VISIT TO MONGOLIA OTHER THAN "SOCIALIST BROTHERHOOD." END CONFIDENTIAL.
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